

REPRESENTATIONS

OF THE

SOCIETY

Of the Independent scald-miserable MASONS, to P—l W—d Esq, and E—C—y Esq; their worthy Representatives, being better in Quality, and containing more in Quantity than any Instructions hitherto extant.

WE your independent scald-miserable Electors, Inhabitants of the ancient Borough of St. Giles in the Fields, following the laudable Examples of our loving Sister Cities both in Scotland and England, think it incumbent on us, in this melancholy and critical Conjunction, to lay our Thoughts before you our worthy Representatives.

We most gratefully acknowledge that your uniform Behaviour has exceeded all human Expectation, and assure you this Application flows not from any Distrust of your future Conduct, but from a solid Conviction of our own Importance: and that the supreme Council and Legislature of the Kingdom may be justly informed of the real and virtuous Sentiments of your illustrious independent scald miserable Electors.

The many Inconveniencies which flow from Civil Government have been the long and fruitless Complaints of all your true unbribed and independent Constituents; and the Security in which it now remains, justly alarms our whole Community, who lately seemed to have abandoned all Thought of any future Efforts for the Restoration of primitive Confusion.

Tho' we cannot help acknowledging the Goodness of his M--j--ty's Attorney General, in removing without Application, the grand Destroyer of our Liberties from the Post (he so long and wickedly abused and disgraced) in St. Martin's Lane; yet we cannot but lament that Means have been used, to defeat our Hopes of his speedy Execution at Tyburn: And that we are at length to give over all Expectation of seeing him sacrificed to National Justice, and the just Resentments of an injured People; and that we are forced tamely to suffer this Man, at the Expence of publick Treasure, to be convoyed to his Majesty's foreign Dominions, there to bask the Remainder of his Life in the Sun-shine of the Western World.

As the Punishment of this one Man can never compensate the immeasurable Injuries of the whole Nation; so the Justice we demand does not proceed from a Desire of Revenge, but from a very deep Conviction, that awed by a wholsom and terrible Example, no future Minister will dare to execute any of those Laws which tend to the Destruction of natural Liberty, by confining Property to unnatural Bounds; and preventing equal Distribution thereof amongst your honest and independent Electors.

As nothing can contribute more to the Peace and Welfare of this Kingdom in General, and of your Independents in particular, than an entire Abolition of ALL LAWS whatsoever, but more

especially of those called PENAL; we desire you will not suffer yourselves to be amused by distant Objects, but let the Plea offered in behalf of our Safety abroad be ever so reasonable or conclusive, be persuaded our own Safety is the only Point which merits your Consideration: Gratifying our Desires (who ask nothing but Justice) can alone strike Terror into our Enemies.

We therefore apply to you now with all the urgent Sollicitation ragged Suppliants, wofully convinced their All has long been staked; and insist that postponing every other Consideration, you leave no Stone unturned, or Window whole, till you have procured a Repeal of the Riot Act, a Repeal of the Gin Act, an immediate Repeal of all Acts against Sheep-stealing, and of Laws which may anywise be a Hindrance to the Rights of Englishmen: Restore the Frequency of Elections, by which alone your Independents live, procure a proper Place-Bill which may abolish all Offices Civil, and Military; by which Means you will secure yourselves and Constituents from the oppressive Hands of Constables, Justices, and tremendous Bailiffs: And after these salutary Provisions, that we may be able to restore the Rights and Privileges purchased for us by the Blood of our illustrious Ancestors, and secure them to our Posterity; dismantle the proud Prelate, uncoil the babling Serjeant; disrobe the (insulting) Judge; break the Iron Rod of impudent Justice, and let Disorder reign.

Given under our Common Seal at St. Giles's Pound.

P O N E Y.

Some of our Readers may imagine from the Majesty and Sublimeness of our Style and Similitude of Sentiments, that these Instructions, and those two great Corporations lately published, have been wrote by the same Author; but tho' we candidly own we have borrowed our Sentiments from them, yet the Decency of our Expressions will easily distinguish Our Author from theirs.

N. B. If any M--m--rs of P--r--l--m--t, City, Borough or Corporation, who have not been yet instructed, shall have Occasion for any Instructions, by sending a Letter Post paid, or frankt, with 2 s. and 6 d. inclosed, and directed to C. D. at the Unicorn in Grays-Inn Lane, shall by the Return of the Post receive the best Instructions the English Language can convey by their humble Servant, C. D.

He likewise draws up Petitions for Places, and has an infallible Cure for Corns.